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TO: Dr. Arthur L. Burt, Coordinator for Maps and Publications

FROM: Dr. Donald R. Dyer, Geographic Specialist for Latin America

SUBJECT: Office of the Geographer Requirements

Following the map and publications procurement mission to Colombia during February 1-March 8, 1972, the following comments are made on the requirements levied by Office of The Geographer.

1 - LAND BOUNDARY DISPUTES - No disputed areas along the land boundaries of Colombia were reported.

2 - OFFSHORE PETROLEUM CONCESSIONS - Offshore petroleum concessions are shown on the Division of Petroleum's unpublished "Mapa de la República de Colombia con la Localización de los Contratos y Propuestas de Petróleos" (ca. 1:1,000,000), last revised in December of 1971 (T-9-72). Colombian Petroleum Company has been assigned concessions in the Gulf of Venezuela, while Superior and Texaco have areas in the Ecopetrol block in the Caribbean off the Magdalena and Guajira coast, Phillips has concessions in and off the Gulf of Urabá, and Gulf and Texaco have areas off the Pacific coast. Two books dealing with the Gulf of Venezuela boundary dispute were procured, namely, Reseña Histórica sobre los Límites de Colombia y Venezuela, by Daniel Valois Arce (Editorial Bedout, 1970), which included a small-scale map of the disputed zone of the continental platform, and Proyecciones de un Límite Marítimo entre Colombia y Venezuela (cover title: Controversia de Límites Colombia Venezuela), by Hernando Holguín Peláez (Editores y Distribuidores Asociados Ltda., 1971), which contained seven maps, including two showing projected boundaries into the Gulf of Venezuela (T-27 and T-28, respectively).

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